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Mrs. Houser (envious)-"I wonder why it was called Paradise? Frank Houser (emphatic)-"Because there was only one woman in it, of course."-Buffalo Courier.

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sir, I thought it was the hens laid em .- Truth. "Was this the first accident your

rother met with?" "Oh, no. A brakeman's life is Best Goods full of perils. But this was the first accident that resulted in his Frank C. Holmes,

death."-Ex. She (excitedly)-"Oh, George, ome woman on the car has stolen it was a women?" She-"Why, I had it in the pocket of my dress."-

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Bodkins-"Doctor, how can insomnia be cured?" Doctor-"Well, the patient should count slowly and in a meditative manner 500, and then-" Bodkins-"That's all very well, doctor; but our baby can't

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Mr. Dobson-"Why, either Mr. Hobson had another attack of his heart trouble, or Mrs. Hobson has a new hat!"-Puck.

Penelope (triumphantly)-"I heard last night that Jack was head over ears in love with me." Grace (jealously)-"You cannot believe all you hear." Penelope-"No; but GENERAL I should not wonder if there was something in it." Grace-"Why? Who told you?" Penelope-"He

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How do you like it?" said Char- has been rung out of the bow ley Clare to Melicent Kirke, as he (ring), by a pickpocket, pointed to the cottage he had selected for them to keep house in has been damaged by drop-when they should be married in a ping out of the bow, and few weeks.

"Oh, it is beautiful!" she whispered. "But, Charley, don't you out bow and the new think it's rather small?"

"Well, yes-perhaps so; but what do we want of anything arger? The bedroom over the hall s really quite a good size, and-" "But is there a bedroom on the ground floor?" asked Melicent, anxiously. "No. Why?"

"For grandmother, you know." Mr. Clare's countenance fel lightly. "I have made no arrangements

for your grandmother, Millie." "But, Charley, she brought me ip. Oh, Charley, we can't keep nouse without her. "We can't keep house with her,"

said Clare, imperatively. "When man marries a girl, he dosen't contract to support all the relatives she happens to have!" "I am all that grandmother has,"

said little Millie, her face all in a glow, her eyes darkly coruscating. Gradmamma has loved and cherished me more years than you have, and I will not leave her to want and, perhaps, suffering, in her old "Very well, then," said Mr

Clare, quietly, "it is settled." "Yes," said Melicent; "it is set And grandmother Kirke, sitting alone by the fire, was astonished, some five or ten minutes later, by the sudden appearance of little Sold by J. T. Bostwick. Millie, flinging herself upon her shoulder and sobbing most bitterly. Grandmother Kirke listened to

the poor little girl's story, with an odd working of her toothless jaws. "I don't ask this sacrifice of you, child," said old Mrs. Kirke, stroking down the lustrous masses of disheveled brown hair. "I dare say I shall do well enough; and its hardly fair for the old to stand in the way of the young."

Millie looked up, loving and indignant in the same breath. "Do you suppose I could leave

you, grandmamma?" Charles Clare was a little surpris ed at the turn events had taken; it had never for an instant occured to his mind that any girl in her sober senses could prefer the society of a crooked old lady to that of himself. "She'll come to her senses after a

while," was the reflection with which he was consoled. "All girls LOWEST indulge in heroics now and then, but it won't last long."

Mr. Clare, however, was destined o disappointment. "Engaged to Frank Blakeslee!"

he cried, about two months subsequently. "Why, he's been courting her this long time-sending her flowers and books and music, and all that sort of thing. And the old witch of Endor is to live with them, I suppose. I wouldn't have stood it!" went on Clare, growing more heated and angry as he talked "But Frank Blakeslee never had

any mind of his own. Well, I wish 'em joy, that's all." And the tone of voice in which Mr. Clare spoke indicated anything rather than the aspirations shower-

ed forth by his words. Frank Blakeslee and Melicent Kirke had not been married more than a year when a dark messenger came to the door of their humble, yet infinately contented little home -Azrael, the mighty and relent-

"You've been very kind to me. Frank and Millie," said Grandmother Kirke, "but it's well-nigh over now. I only wanted to live long enough to see my little girl confided to the care of some good man who would value her as she deserves, and I've got my wish!"

And Grandmother Kirke, whose old eyes were growing dim, fumbled under her pillow for the old calico work-bag with leather strings and outlandish little pockets, which, with its paraphernalia of antique housewives, bodkins, scissors and thimbles, was her constant com- Call and see his assortment be-

panion. "The needle-book, Millie," she aid faintly, "look in the needlebook!"

"But, grandma, the leaves are all sewed tightly together." "Cut them open, child; but be

needle-book to you, Millie. It was one I bought when you were a wee baby. All my treasures belong to Apply to ALGER, SMITH & CO., Frank Blakeslee stood looking

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Grandmother Kirke smiled se- him."-Vogue. enely.

"How many, Melicent?"

"Ten, grandmamma." "Yes, yes, I thought so," said the restaurant. old lady, nodding her head. "It's spend them as you and Millie please.

gift."

"A thousand dollars! Oh, grandmamma." cried Millie, with a long
hearth "" she protested."

"But I don't know what to wish
for," she protested.

"Because I wanted you to depend thing," he said.
"No, I can't," she replied; "I can't reath, "you never told me this!" on yourself, my girl. But I always think of anything I want very much."

And half an hour afterward Grandmother Kirke died.

"It's a deuce of a bore," said Charles Clare, when the strange story reached his ears, as of course t was not long in doing. "Blakesee always seems to have all the luck. If I'd known about the enemy may be pacified and brought speedily and thousand dollars, I don't know easily to terms. That potent regulator of diges-

was better invested in Frank Blakes- pain, besides a multitude of symptoms both changelee than in Charley Clare. Melicent did not regret her choice.

Tattling. We have all seen the influence of this degrading habit. It is as destructive as the tornado that sweeps

hearted to recoil from the very thought in terror and dismay.

cruelly wrong another; let us hope that their first motives are not base. But how marked are the results of this habit! Slowly but surely it makes its progress, until such parties are led into the error of speaking their sentiments too freely upon all subjects. They have no private operation. Any druggist will get it for you. secrets-usually they are of small ==

noticed. No one wishes to acknowledge being a tattler. Oh, no! the bare possibility is not once entertained. Contractors If you dare remonstrate with them, they invariably answer: "Why, I never said anything. I just told

what I heard." There! will people never learn to keep what they hear to themselves? It is unnecessary to repeat the idle, mischief-making gossip we hear. It benefits neither the slanderer nor

slandered. Confirmed tattlers are to be dreaded. Their tongues are more poisonous than the vilest reptile. Of all malicious sins, that of the slanderer is the most abominable. Actuated Window and Door Frames, by malice and envy, they hurl their cruel javelins at pure, innocent hearts, causing them to bleed and, in voiceless anguish, sigh for their cherished idol--reputation-so ruthlessly torn from their grasp.

For all this suffering the slanderer little cares, but seeks yet other victims whose peace of mind and hope of happiness he may destroy. Woman, it is expected of you to suppress this direful, rapidly spread- Plans & Estimates Furnished. ing evil. Trample it in the mire let it no longer survive.

Youth, in your bright years of purity, beware of saying unkind things concerning another, least at DO YOU KNOW some future time you fulfill the low mission of tattling.

a word of slander. The flames is ignited, it spreads like wild-fire to produce disastrous effects. As nothcareful, I'm going to give that needle-book to you, Millie. It was reedle-book to you, Millie. It was fluence till time shall be no more. Alpena Steam Dying & Clean--Woman's Work.

> Curiosity. Prisoner-"As my counsel has

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over his wife's shoulder as she failed to put in his appearance, I obeyed the old lady's behest, deftly would ask your honor to adjourn passing the scissors' points between the case."

the flannel leaves, scalloped and Judge-"Why, you were caught embroidered, and faded silks which in the act of stealing a gold watch had once boasted all the colors of from the person of a gentleman. the rainbow. Suddenly he uttered Besides, you admitted the charge. an exclamation, and in the same I am curious to know what, under

> Prisoner-"So am I, your honor, and therefore I should like to hear

He Wished for Her. They were dining off fowl in a

"You see," he explained, as he showed her the wish-bone, "you all right. Take them, Frank, and take hold here. Then we must spend them as you and Millie please. both make a wish and pull, and They are the old grandmother's when it breaks, the one who has

"Well, I'll wish for you," he exclaimed "Will you, really?" she asked.

"Well, then, there's no use fooling with the wish-bone," she interrupted with a glad smile, "you can have me."—Truth. When War is Declared

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